

Animals of Cold Lands

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Introduction:

I am writing about animals that live in the Arctic or Antarctic. These are very cold and harsh places in the world to live in.



Caribou

A caribou is a wild reindeer. It has a thick fur coat. It has antlers covered with velvet. A baby caribou is called a calf. Caribou are found on the Arctic tundra. They eat moss and leaves. They live together in large herds. They are always on the move.



Walrus

The walrus is a kind of seal. It has thin fur on its huge body. It has four strong, flat flippers. It has two long tusks. Walruses live in large groups. They eat clams and shrimp. They are found along Arctic coasts. They spend a long time in the sea.



Arctic fox

The Arctic fox is a wild dog. It has a long, bushy tail. It has thick fur to keep it warm. Baby Arctic foxes are called kits. Arctic foxes live on the Arctic tundra. They eat small animals. In summer their fur is brown. Their fur turns white in winter.



Musk ox

The musk ox is a land mammal. It has short, strong legs. It has two coats of warm, brown fur. On its head are two curved horns. Musk oxen live on the Arctic tundra. They eat moss and plants. They live together in small herds. Their enemies are bears and wolves.



Emperor

The emperor is the largest penguin. Its feathers are shiny and thick. It can't fly but can swim well. It grabs fish with its powerful beak. Emperors live only in the Antarctic. They eat fish, squid, and krill. They live in groups called rookeries. They lay just one egg each year.



Polar bear

The polar bear is the biggest bear. It is fierce and powerful. It has a thick, white coat. The babies are born in snow dens. Polar bears live on the Arctic ice. They eat fish and seals. They like to live on their own. They can run fast to catch their prey.



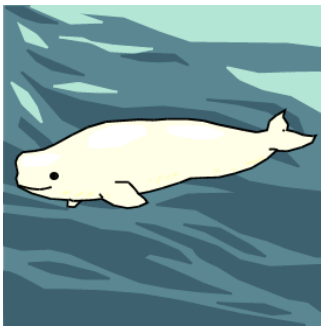
Killer whale

A killer whale is a mammal. Its skin is black and white. It is the world's fastest swimmer. It has a dorsal fin on its back. Killer whales live in groups. They feed on fish and seals. Babies can swim when they are born. They live in every ocean of the world.



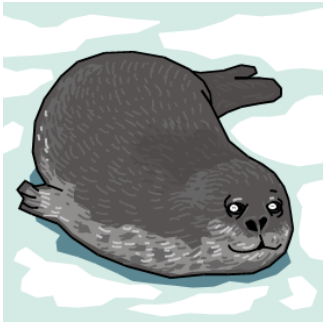
Arctic Tern

The Arctic tern is a sea bird. Its feathers are black and white. It has short legs and webbed feet. It flies a long way each year. Terns live in the Arctic and Antarctic. They eat fish and shrimp. They live together in large colonies. They lay small, speckled eggs.



Beluga

The beluga is a sea mammal. Its flippers are short and wide. It breathes through a blowhole. Its skin is smooth and rubbery. Belugas live in the Arctic Sea. They eat fish and squid. They live in groups called pods. They are gentle and playful.



Weddell seal

A Weddell seal is a mammal. It has short, thick, gray fur. It has large eyes and can see well. Its teeth are strong and powerful. Weddells live in the Antarctic. They eat fish and squid. They make lots of noise underwater. Baby seals are called pups.